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Applicants: AKASHE et al.

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RESPONSE

Attention: Assistant Commissioner

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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicants first note that the Examiner indicated that claims 1-25 were pending in the present application. Based on Applicants' copy of the application (as well as corresponding U.S. Publication 2002/0102339 on the US PTO's website), claims 1-28 are pending. Applicants respectfully request correction of this oversight.

Applicants have cancelled claim 9 in the present amendment. Only claims 1-8 and 10-28 remain pending after entry of this amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 10-25 and the indication that claim 9 contained allowable subject matter. The limitation of claim 9 has now been included in claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now allowable and that the present application be passed to issue.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: Begin on page 3.

REMARKS: Begin on page 8.